OLD DUQUOIN CEMETERY

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The Old DuQuoin Cemetery was first known as the West Prairie Cemetery. The first burial recorded was that of J. GOODELL, uncle of E. BURBANK and on grave lot no. two, owned by Johnson BURBANK.

The first entry to this land was to George LISHAM in 1836. In 1837 the entry was to Jonathan G. CLARK. Then, in 1839 it was deeded back to George LISHAM. In the 1850 census George LISHAM is listed in the household of Jane CHAPMAN, widow of Avery CHAPMAN, an early settler of Old DuQuoin.

This section of land was then deeded to several people, all of whom have lots or family members buried in the cemetery: Daniel LOVEJOY and wife Lucinda, George ADAMS, George WALL, George BURBANK, Hiram HINCKLEY, Josiah WOOD and wife Mary A. GILTNER. Josiah WOOD was a minister who died in New Washington, Indiana on or about June 5, 1870. Having no children, the estate was divided between the sisters and brothers or their heirs.

In 1874 Sidney SHOOK of St. Clair County bought the land surrounding the cemetery from Thomas J. BINGHAM and the land has been in the SHOOK family ever since, now being owned by John and Roberta SHOOK BOYETT, the 4th generation.

In 1948 section 3 was sold to the cemetery by Robert S. SHOOK and wife Belle. In 1955 Belle SHOOK, widow of Robert, sold a section to the cemetery trustees for a parking lot at the rear of section 1-2. In 1974 Belle Bryant Johnson SHOOK passed away and the Shook estate being settled, John and Roberta SHOOK BOYETT gave the 4th section to the Old DuQuoin Cemetery, with the provision that the first row of graves be reserved for the heirs of Robert S. and Belle JOHNSON SHOOK.

During the years trustees have been members of families who are buried in the cemetery. Some of them: William HEBERER, Lemuel SHOOK, Robert S. SHOOK, George DAVISON, Amanda MILLER, Julian BIOT, Roy SWALLERS, Gus BOWLIN, and many others. John CAMPBELL, sexton for many years, was one of his third generation to be buried there.

Many descendants of the BOWLIN family are buried there. Rodney and Tricy had seventeen children and several generations are lot owners. Chester KEYS, one of the founders of DuQuoin is buried there. Two or three generations of the following families are lot owners: George T. WALL, ROSS, BURBANK, PECK, ADAMS, HINCKLEY, THING, SPRAGUE, HARDSOCK, THOMPSON, ZEIGLER, APPUHN, HEBERER, SHOOK, and SIEFERT.

A story told by the early settlers of Old DuQuoin, handed down by Chester KEYS was of the Indian traders. The trading post was located just south of the Old DuQuoin school. (This parcel of land was later owned by Bayard ZEIGLER). From this view point one can see the bottom land where the Indians camped, which in our time was called the Little Muddy Bottom, now called Campbell Lake area. The owner of the trading post waited and watched for the Indians to bring their furs

to trade for supplies in the spring and autumn. This was an event that the settlers prepared for. The settlers would form a circle and the Indians would put their furs in the center of the circle, then the group would barter for the furs and the Indians would barter for what the settlers had to trade. According to Mr. KEYS, the Indians were very shrewd traders and seldom made a foolish trade. Their only temptations were items of bright colors, especially red. After the trading, the furs were taken to St. Louis where necessary items needed by the settlers were purchased. One of the necessities was salt. The others I do not recall, except that they were in barrells.

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Lot Owners of Section No. 1
Old DuQuoin Cemetery

Name	Lot No.	Name	Lot No.
ADAMS, Ida	95	DUNWAY	100
ADAMS, J.G.	134	EISENHOUR, Casper	62 1/2
ADAMS, Kate	29	EVANS, Amon	31
ADAMS, Sylvester	128	FERGUSON, Stella	88
ANDERSON, Amos J.	76	FRAZIER, A.	114 1/2
ANDERSON, E.	27	FROST, Zarde	72
APPUHN, Albert	43 1/2	FULTON, James-Margaret	4
APPUHN, William A.	59	GARRETSON	38
BEARD, Harley	111	GITTEAN, B.F.	132
BLACK, William	33	GRUNER, W.F.	97
BOLL, August	85	HAGEN, Amanda	7-a
BOLL, Mrs. A.	83	HAMMEL, Jake	53
BOWLIN, Charles	93	HARRIS, Don	143
BOWLIN, Howard	5-a	HARTSOCK, E.P.	152
BOWLIN, John A.	40-14	HARTSOCK, M.S.	98
BRIDGES, Stephen	115	HEBERER, John	63
BROWN, Allan	97	HILEMAN, Lew	13
BULLOCK, Charles	91	HINKLEY, G.W.	104
BUNTON, Rev. A.E.	149	HINKLEY, Hiram	102
BUTLER, J.S.	110	HODGE, Ethel	13-a
BURBANK, George	8-10	HOFFMAN, J.	44
BURBANK, H.	78	HOGE, James	28
BURBANK, Hiram L.	19	HOLT, E.	119
BURBANK, Johnston	2	HOUSE, Allen	11
BURBANK, E.	124	HOUSE, G.W.	117
BURBANK, W.P.	86	JOHNSON, Basil	140
CAMPBELL, A.M.		JOHNSON, Charles	10-a
CAMPBELL, B.S.	138	JOHNSON, Earnest	141
CAMPBELL, J.D.	39	JOHNSON, James	118
CAMPBELL, Franklin	136	JOHNSON, John	9-a
CLAPP, Harry	153	JOHNSON, John	71
CLARK, J.B.	96	JONES, Julia	148
CLARK, James	42	KEYS, Chester A.	130
CLARK, Jonathon	12	KELLY, B.	17
CLOUGH	48-6	La GRAND, Joe	69
DEES, Jesse	65	LAMPLEY, Earl	114
DESHNER, C.	75	LAXON	62
DUNMEYER	6-a	LEMON, Martha	21

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Name	Lot No.	Name	Lot No.
LEMMONS, Ray	12-a	SHAW, Joe	112
LIPSEY, Robert	81	SIEBERT, John	61
LIVINGSTON, Ada	60	SIEFERT, Joe-Eva	1/2 (?)
LOOMIS, Col.	24	SIEFERT, John	94
M.	90	SIEFERT, Michael	116
McCLURE, C.Y.	126	SIMMONS, ----	125
McCLURE, J.J.	82	SKINNER, Mrs. J.	56
McKINLEY, William	2-a	SKINNER, H.R.	58
McMURRY, Clarence	119	SLAWSON, Dewitt	34
McMURRY, Earnest	143 1/2	SMITH, C.P.	54
McMURRY, J.H.	89	SMITH, George S.	68
McMURRY, Luther	147 1/2	SMITH, H.	54
MANN, Henry	66	SMITH, H.C.	1/2 (?)
MANN, John	66	SMITH, H.S.	61
MANN, Lulu	64	SMITH, Noah	99
MEZO, J. Arthur	144	SMITH, L.	43
MIFFLIN, Kenneth	145	SPEARS	2-a
MILLER, Dorris	47	SPRAGUE, Benjamine	5
MILLER, F.	92	STANTON, D.	35
MINIZE, D.	73	STICKLES, E.	142
MONK, John	30	STIDD	103
MOYE, A.J.	87	STRIBBLING	37
NORRIS, Alvia	11-a	SURGERS, E.M.	79
Orphan Home	123-137	THING, Damon	51
OZBORN, W.W.	107	THING, Truman	55
OZBURN, Edward	146	THOMPSON, Frank	150
PAGE James	122	VAN PROW	74
PAGE, M.J.	120	WALL, George W.	1
PECK, Miles	46	WATKIND, Paul	
PERRY	53	WEBB, Mrs.	50
PLUMLEE, W.M.	58	WEBB, Mary	18
POE	32	WEIHN, F.	109
POMERY, E.P.	36	WELDON, William	15
POWELL	70	WESTON, G.	3-a
PRITCHETT, Froney	1-a	WHILLEY, Clyde	113
PUTERBAUGH, Ham	57	WILLIAMS, Alfred	154
RASPBERRY, William	93 1/2	WILLIAMS, Kibby	156
REED, Allen	23	WILSON, Ben	44 1/2
RIDGWAY, C.	77	WILSON, C.	49
ROOT, Oliver B.	106	WOLF, Thomas	25
ROSS, M.A.	3	WOLF, William	26
ROSS, Arad	5	WOOD, Josiah	20-22
ROSS, Oran	9	WORMSLEY, George	109
ROSS, O.A.	9 1/2	WRANGLING, Mike	41
RUSSELL, C.	146	ZEIGLER, Baird	16
SCRONCE, John	148	ZOLLER, John	45

A funeral home would sometimes buy lots, then sell one or two grave plots to families, but the owner would be filed as the funeral home. Sometimes these lots have unmarked graves as the markers provided by the funeral home have corroded and disappeared. Some of these lots are No.: 105, 155, 107, 151, 147, 121, 139, 135, 127, 133, 129, and 131.

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The following clipping is from a DuQuoin newspaper, either the Tribune or the DuQuoin Evening Call; it was found in a Bible belonging to Sarah Jane SHARKS:

Old DuQuoin Seminary Went Up In
Smoke This Morning At 9 O'clock

30 October 1903- An old historic building was destroyed this morning at Old DuQuoin when the old Female Seminary building was burned to the ground save blackened fragments of the walls.

Almost the entire building was afire when discovered almost simultaneously by L.G. SHOOK and Ham PUTERBAUGH, from their fields at quite a distance.

The building has not been used since vacated by the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society about two years ago and not a thing of value was in the building.

The building was erected in the early '50's for a Presbyterian Female Seminary, the idea of the enterprise originating with Miss Eliza PAINE of South Hadley, Mass., she having cherished and talked over the plans that led to it long before the opportunity offered for beginning the work. The "Boston Ladies' Society for the Promotion of the Christian Education" sent her to DuQuoin in 1852. Miss PAINE sent for her helper, Miss E. REYNOLDS, three months later. As it was before the days of railroads in Southern Illinois these ladies came down the river from St. Louis to Chester and overland from there.

As the result of their ceaseless labors in soliciting friends and in----------in the work the cor------ building destroyed by fire today was laid June 13, 1855, and a Bible donated by Rev. A.T. NORTON, both now deceased, was deposited therein. It will be interesting to open up this corner stone now, over 48 years later.

The seminary was conducted by the Presbyterian Society for many years and passed into the hands of Dr. STONE, father of Dr. A.F. STONE and grandfather of Rev. Mervin STONE. After his death it became the property of Dr. A. T. STONE who continued the seminary until about 1890, when it was abandoned. During the life of the seminary many girls from all over Southern Illinois received instruction within its walls and owe much to its existence.

The building was bought from Dr. STONE by George F. BLAKESLEE who used it as a summer residence until he sold it to the Children's Home and Aid Society. It then became the DuQuoin Children's Home and Aid Society. It then became the DuQuoin Children's Home and continuted as such until about two years ago when they abandoned it to move to DuQuoin for convenience. By this society the building was sold a few weeks ago to the Weaver Coal & Coke Co. who wanted the coal under the land.

As to the origin of the fire there can only be surmising. Those first on the grounds after it was discovered could not even tell in what part of the building it started. A tramp or some stranger

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may have gained entrance to it for a sleeping place and dropped a match or spark from a pipe before leaving.

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